



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

**Samantha Siva Kumaran, et al.,**

**Plaintiffs,**

**-against-**

**National Futures Association, et al.**

**Defendants.**

**1:20-cv-03668 (GHW) (SDA)**

**Samantha Siva Kumaran and Nefertiti Risk  
Capital Management, LLC,**

**Plaintiffs,**

**-against-**

**ADM Investor Services, Inc.,**

**Defendant.**

**1:20-cv-03873 (GHW) (SDA)**

**ORDER**

**STEWART D. AARON, United States Magistrate Judge:**

Before the Court are motions by Aaron Pierce (“Attorney Pierce”) to withdraw as counsel for Nefertiti Risk Capital Management, LLC (“NRCM”) in these two related actions. (See Motions to Withdraw, 20-CV-03668 ECF No. 457; 20-CV-03873 ECF No. 331.)

It is hereby Ordered that, no later than February 5, 2025, Ms. Kumaran, as the client representative of NRCM, shall respond to the motions by Attorney Pierce to withdraw as counsel for NRCM. Attorney Pierce shall file any reply no later than February 12, 2025.

Ms. Kumaran’s request to seal any further information about the fee dispute (see Letter Motion, 20-CV-03873 ECF No. 332) is DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE. The parties must comply with Section III(E) of the Court’s Individual Practices regarding sealing, which require, *inter alia*,

parties to file under seal an unredacted copy of the document(s) they seek to seal at the time the request to seal is filed.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated: New York, New York  
January 22, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stewart D. Aaron". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Stewart" is written with a capital 'S' and a lowercase 't'. The middle initial "D." is written with a capital 'D' and a period. The last name "Aaron" is written with a capital 'A' and a lowercase 'n'. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

STEWART D. AARON  
United States Magistrate Judge